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# MONTANA KAIMIN

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## Public airs concerns at forum on media coverage

Paul Queneau  
Montana Kaimin

After Jane Bucks came home from the Feb. 9 community rally where more than 700 people showed their support for a local lesbian couple who lost their home to an arson fire, she was filled with hope.

"That hope has now disintegrated," Bucks said to an impassioned audience of 75 at a community forum at the UC Monday night.

She blames her loss to a large extent on a Feb. 16 Missoulian article, and particularly the headline "Police narrow focus in arson investigation," which she said unfairly implicated the couple of burning their own home.

The forum was a moderated debate between the Missoulian newspaper and Queer Action, a recently formed gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender activism group.

It came after Queer Action had canceled a planned picket of the Missoulian in protest of the articles.

Queer Action argued that the Missoulian was insensitive to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in its coverage of the arson, which on Feb. 8 burned the home of

Adrienne Neff and Carla Grayson, a UM assistant professor of psychology.

Grayson and Neff are plaintiffs in a discrimination lawsuit filed by the ACLU against the Montana University System, and three days before the fire had received an envelope containing death threats and a white powdery substance.

Mike McNally, editor of the Missoulian, was sole representative for the paper and defended the paper's handling of the story so far.

"I've been accused that our coverage has been shameless sensationalism," McNally said. "This story has not been unverified in any way. It's been accurate."

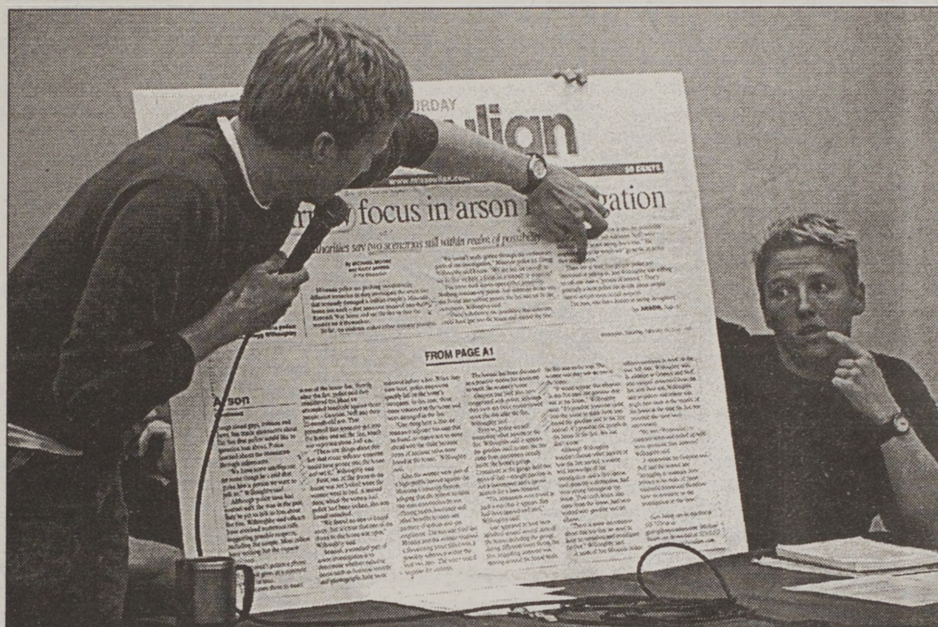
Sarah Howell, a member of Queer Action, said she believed other-

wise.

"The Feb. 16 article was sensationalized, slanted and ultimately very hurtful to our community. After the article was printed, there was an immediate and noticeable decline in public support (for Grayson and Neff)."

Queer Action did give the Missoulian some credit for what they said was a different tone in more recent articles, particularly those written by reporter Ginny Merriam.

That was an accolade that



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin  
Jonathan Proctor, left, points out part of a Missoulian article from February 16 that members of Queer Action thought to be misleading as Spider McKnight looks on during a public forum Monday evening in the UC.

didn't impress McNally.

"The one thing said here that ticks me off a little bit was that recent articles were an attempt to atone for past sins," McNally said. "We were working on these stories for weeks. I did not accede to the Queer Action demands. I'm not going to do that."

After comments and discussion by the Missoulian and Queer Action, the floor was

opened to the public. Most came out in criticism of the article.

Peter Shober, pastor of University Congregational Church, was one of those who spoke.

"Mike (McNally's) a dear friend of mine, but I'm not afraid to tell him I did not like this article," he said.

Throughout the criticisms, McNally said though he might

not agree with all the accusations, he would keep them in mind and supported a continuing conversation in the future.

"I wish I could sit back and say that journalism, properly done, will never cause anybody pain," McNally said. "But I cannot. Sometimes the responsibility of a newspaper is to publish something that you know readers aren't going to like."

## Report investigating security breach of UM's Web site is released

Bryan O'Connor  
Montana Kaimin

The University of Montana has released a report outlining the details of a security breach last fall and the actions taken to prevent it from happening again.

On Nov. 5, UM was alerted to a number of confidential files that existed on its server, which the public had access to by using the university Web site's search engine. The files contained information about the mental and physical health of children and were removed in roughly two hours, according to the report released by Ray Ford, associate vice president for information technology at UM.

"We want to be open and honest about what happened here," Ford told the Kaimin on Friday.

The report said that 94 files containing confidential information were accessed by 21 different people. Ford, and the report, emphasized that the files were viewed mainly by journalists.

The first 14 people to find the files were in random searches and never opened the files, nor

did they return to the site to look at them. From Nov. 2 to Nov. 4, two people accidentally found some of the files, then began to investigate further. They made more detailed searches and ultimately opened 46 of the confidential files, according to the report.

Two more people used the same search query to confirm the availability of the files, but did not look at them. From there, Ford said, it appeared that at least one of those users brought the problem to the attention of the media on Nov. 5.

"Four minutes later someone made the exact same query at KPAX," Ford said. "Eight minutes later someone at the (Los Angeles) Times made the exact same query as well."

Ford said the KPAX staff filmed what they needed, then called UM before they televised the story. The report said there was no apparent dissemination of confidential material by the news broadcast.

The user at the Los Angeles Times viewed and downloaded 66 files on the morning of Nov. 5.

"He was literally downloading as we were deleting it," Ford said.

The report said several people from a variety of sources tried to gain access to the files after they were removed, by entering similar searches as the ones used earlier in the day.

Ford said mandatory training for people with accounts with the university are able to upload information that is now in place when they start an account. Then there will be semi-annual refresher training on how to handle sensitive information. There is also the possibility of using self-monitoring software that looks for suspect postings.

The files were uploaded by a former UM grad student working as an intern in Minnesota, said Nabil Haddad, chair of the psychology department in a previous interview with the Kaimin. On Monday, Haddad said it is the university's position that the person made an honest mistake.

Haddad said he could not comment on what kind of sanctions, if any, have been placed on the person who put the files on

the public server. But he pointed out that he and his staff have taken steps to prevent this from happening again.

Haddad said files are stored on stand-alone computers that are not connected to the Internet in any way. He said they conducted training and will follow the rules set forth in Ford's report.

"We are as secure as humanly possible," Haddad said.

During the course of the investigation on campus, only one information technology employee, Haddad, and the director of clinical training at UM saw the files. Ford and Haddad both emphasized the importance of keeping the viewers to a minimum.

"You don't rush out and have everyone look at the logs," Ford said, "or you make the problem even worse."

As far as legal sanctions against the university, UM legal counsel David Aronofsky said no lawsuits have been filed against the university for the incident.

### Proposal submitted to regents to increase security measures

Bryan O'Connor  
Montana Kaimin

New rules for the use of computers on campus are in the works, and could be in place as early as this spring, said Ray Ford, associate vice president for information technology at UM.

In March, the Montana Board of Regents will review a package of new security measures for the university system, written by Ford over the past year. The policies are based on a state mandated security upgrade. Ford said the security measures written by the state were inadequate, so he was asked to revise them specific to the university system.

"Arguably these policies were intended to apply to (the university system)," Ford said, "but they don't because of loopholes."

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## OPINION

## Editorial

## 'Getting chipped' dips into many political issues

Montana ranchers, do you know where your cattle are? If the answer is no, maybe it's time you think about it. Wouldn't you rest easier if you could easily locate old Bessie and Socks the Bull on a global positioning satellite? How about that teenage son of yours who keeps the truck out too late on Fridays?

Last week a Florida technology company, Applied Digital Solutions, announced plans to get federal approval for VeriChip, a rice-sized implant that can do anything from storing medical information to tracking its host on a global satellite.

Many people seem to think this is a good idea.

"I wouldn't mind having something planted permanently in my arm that would identify me," declared Andy Rooney, the "60 Minutes" commentator, in what should have been a satire but seemed to be intended quite seriously. The company has formally invited Rooney to be among the first people to "get chipped."

A Florida family, nicknamed "The Chipsons," was interviewed on ABC's "Good Morning America" and said they want to be the first family to "get chipped." Better yet, the company has already trademarked the phrase "get chipped."

Champions of the chip appear to think it's better than sun-ripened peaches, and just as innocuous. They say medical records would be available in emergencies, bank or credit accounts could be accessed through the chip, the chip could help find lost pets, missing parolees, herds of farm animals, stolen property ... the list goes on.

Montanans don't need trackers in their cattle. Americans don't need medical or bank records stored beneath their skin. No one needs to hook themselves into a system of satellite tracking. No one should pretend otherwise. Their timing is right on, as Americans have been unnervingly willing to give up privacy and liberty in the name of safety and national security.

VeriChip is shaping up to be the next step in this movement. Says Rooney: "We need some system for permanently identifying safe people. Most of us are never going to blow anything up and there needs to be something better than one of these photo I.D.s."

The logic here is astounding.

Who defines who the "safe people" are? Would the dangerous souls who refused the chip be prohibited from airline travel? Should renegades be singled out and refused jobs, health care and protection as citizens?

The company maintains that this wouldn't happen, saying that the VeriChip would always be voluntary. Well, that's what they always say. It's "voluntary" to give out your social security number for anything other than government tax purposes. But is it really?

Technologies, once developed and put into use, are hard to restrain especially when they pretend to be able to solve problems that are impossible to solve. Before Sept. 11 Applied Digital wouldn't even market the chip for people because of the ethical implications. Has the world really changed that much? Are ethical concerns and privacy now irrelevant?

— Jessie Childress

## Courtney's Corner

## Anti-drug campaigns have gotten ridiculous

## Column by



Courtney Lowery Oh, how I long for the good old days, when anti-drug commercials actually made sense. The message we got was clear — don't do drugs, they're bad for you.

I'd give anything to see a campaign flashing pictures of a car wrapped around a telephone pole after a drunken driving accident these days, or a home video of a bright young teenager who died of a heroin overdose. That was powerful. That was real.

But the campaign for the "war on drugs" has been muddled to the point of being downright ridiculous. Just flick on your TV. Watch for awhile and you'll see teenagers telling you sincerely they helped "kill a judge" or they helped "kids learn how to kill" because they used drugs. And then comes the clincher. "Drug money supports terror. If you buy drugs, you might too."

The evolution started innocently enough. America had a drug problem. We needed to educate kids about the harm drugs can do.

First came the "This is your brain ... This is your brain on drugs" commercials. Poignant. I don't know about you, but as a 10-year-old, a sizzling fried egg did the trick. Frying pans didn't look so fun.

Next came the "Just say No" routine. D.A.R.E. class skits showed us how to resist peer pressure.

I can still remember my D.A.R.E. teacher, Deputy Doug, setting us up around the room.

Marc and Adam would be the sketchy guys on the corner. Brooke and I would walk by.

"You want some?" they'd ask.

"No," I would respond. Deputy Doug would then ask me why I said no, and prompted me to say: "I am my own person. I make choices that are good for me. I

don't let anyone pressure me into my choices."

Then, a few years later, they hit us with the "Most of us" campaigns. "Most Montana teens don't smoke." "Most UM students drink 0-5 drinks per week." So I'm confused. I really liked the campaigns that taught us how to think for ourselves and not make decisions because they were "cool." Peer pressure used to be bad. Now it's good. I'm happy UM students don't drink often. But is that supposed to make me not drink to be with the majority or is it a public relations campaign for the university meant to put prospective students' parents at ease? What if "Most Montana youths smoke one marijuana joint per week?" Should I?

I'm happy UM students don't drink often. But is that supposed to make me not drink to be with the majority or is it a public relations campaign for the university meant to put prospective students' parents at ease?

And now, the campaigns have evolved to straight up propaganda.

The ad developers spent \$3.4 million of federal funds for the two 30-second ads that appeared during the Super Bowl and continue to pop onto TV screens across the nation. Drugs, they say, are behind Sept. 11. Prey on our sensibilities why don't

you. Boy, these days, you can't even begin to breathe about America doing something to bring the attacks on (foreign policy breakdowns, etc.) without being labeled a traitor — but the government thinks it's just peachy to convince teenagers with drug problems that they are the ones who killed the firefighters, the rescue workers and the civilians in the World Trade Center.

It's a low blow. And it's a far reach. National Geographic's latest issue investigated the al-Qaida tie to diamonds. So, seemingly, if you get engaged, you've supported terror. And that trendy SUV you're driving? Bin Laden's millions come from an oil monopoly in the Mideast, so next time you fill it up, please know you just helped bin Laden's men buy an Uzi to kill babies.

Note to the National White House Office of Drug Policy: Most of us are seeing right through your little "truth" campaign.

As for me, I'm sticking with what Deputy Doug taught me. I'm thinking for myself.

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## Around the Oval

**Question:** What is the most important meal of the day for you?

**Follow up:** What is your favorite thing to have for that meal?

• Patrick Bloxom

junior sociology

Dinner, then I can truck on through my studies until 11:30 at night.

Salad, with a square meal.

• Annalee Moore

freshman, general studies

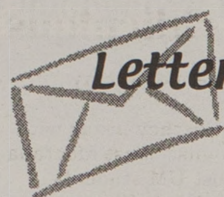
Breakfast for sure.

Pancakes ... with peanut butter and maple syrup.

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# OPINION



## Letters to the editor

### Culture ignores God's truth

To the Editor of the Kaimin:  
I'm writing in response to Liam Gallagher's article in the Wednesday, Feb. 13 edition of the Kaimin. I am disappointed that Mr. Gallagher painted me with the same vindictive brush that he did Mr. John Haveman. I do not know Mr. Haveman and would never resort to name calling to get my point across. I never said that I have a distaste for homosexuals. That is Gallagher's word.

What I do take issue with is our culture's open disdain for the truth. The Bible in speaking about those who openly and defiantly go against God's law, says, "they exchanged the

truth of God for a lie (Romans 1:25)." I believe that is what our country has done on many fronts. I am concerned about people who live contrary to God. Why? Because I know the joy and freedom of being forgiven and brought into the right relationship with God. I don't want to curtail fulfillment in life. I am promoting ultimate fulfillment. Jesus said he came to give us life abundant and full!

I care too much about our nation to sit by and watch us spit in the face of God with our sinfulness. I'm not just talking about homosexuality. I'm talking about anything that goes against God's word. My message is one of hope and joy. Jesus came to give us hope. Not a hope founded in a lie but one founded on truth. Sin sep-

arates us from God (Romans 3:23), but Jesus died so that we could have forgiveness. He rose again from the grave making it possible for us to live victoriously. Doing things our own way takes us away from God. However, restoration is found in Jesus.

*Submitted in the Matchless  
Name of Jesus  
Todd Brock  
Baptist pastor,  
Big Sky Community Church*

### Bicycle ordinance goes against rights

Once upon a time I was pulled over for riding my bicycle on the sidewalk. To be honest with you it wasn't a very pleasant experience. I did it just to avoid the traffic on Brooks Street. I ended up with just a warning, but the lesson I received about Missoula's bicycle laws was one I will never forget. I learned that the Missoula's bicycle sidewalk ordinance questions my rights as a bicyclist.

In the state of Montana a bicycle is considered a motor vehicle. So the State of Montana is to blame? No, the city of Missoula's City Council takes responsibility for enacting this ordinance. The city of Missoula has very few bicycle lanes and the city has major traffic problems. So bicyclists can only ride in the street where there is danger of being sideswiped or even hit. Bicyclists can't ride on the sidewalks, even with their children. One contradicting fact is that Missoula County classifies the Kim Williams Trail as a public non-motorized trail, but bicycles ride on the trail with pedestrians.

So what's wrong with bicyclists on the sidewalk? Well, I stopped by the bicycle coordinators office to ask him why. His explanation was: if an elderly man or woman is scared by an approaching bicyclist causing them to lose their balance and fall the could break a hip and sue the city. From the way it was described to me, it seems like the city is selfishly concerned about their liability.

I think a bicyclist should be able to ride out of the way of danger, while at the same time not endangering others. Missoula's bicycle ordinance violates bicyclist's rights by forcing them to only ride in the street. So next time you ride on the sidewalk to avoid some nutty driver watch out for "Missoula's Best."

*Mike Ross  
senior,  
business administration*

### Rights restricted by government

The U.S. Congress recently stole a lot of our constitutional rights. Searches without warrants, detaining people without charging them, wire tapping, e-mail spying, bank account spying and more. Using the terrorism as an excuse, this is a big, abusive government power grab. The Republicans and the

Democrats are both in it. They swore to preserve and protect the Constitution, but they're destroying it. Yes, the terrorist attacks were horrible and we must stop the terrorists, but we can't sacrifice our rights and freedom in the process. We will find another way!

Some of these abuses will sunset after three years, supposedly. History shows that governments don't give power back.

Please write our congressmen and tell them to restore our rights now! Addresses are in the phone book and below. Letters, not e-mail. Otherwise, our beloved free country may become a police state, some version of American Fascism.

I also urge you to learn about the third parties such as the Libertarian Party (lp.org), and the Green Party (Greenpartyus.org). The media won't tell you about them.

Congress tried to censor the internet, but the Supreme Court stopped them for now. If congress won't listen they must be voted out of office. No violence, voting is the only way.

One more thing when it comes time to vote, the Republicans and Democrats would like you to think that voting for a third party is "throwing away your vote," however that kind of "voting against the other party" is the major way the two monopolizing parties stay in power and it will stay that way unless you vote for who you want to win.

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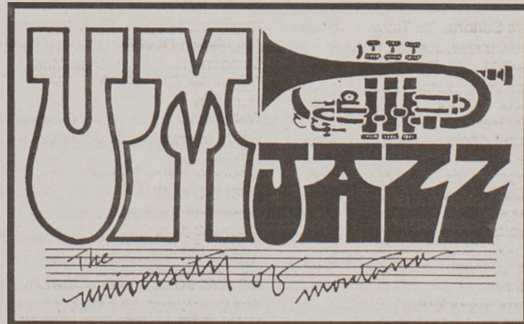


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## News



## World Briefs

Off the wire

## • Surmad, Afghanistan

## Seven Americans killed in Afghanistan during conventional offensive operation

(AP) — U.S. warplanes pounded al-Qaida and Taliban mountain strongholds in eastern Afghanistan on Monday while hundreds of coalition ground troops scoured the rugged, snow-covered terrain for pockets of enemy fighters. The heavily armed defenders responded with bursts of mortars, grenades and machine gun fire.

Seven Americans died Monday when two helicopters took enemy fire in the offensive — code-named Operation Anaconda. The attack marked the first time U.S. conventional ground troops have been used in an offensive operation.

The operation was said to be designed to cut off all means of escape for al-Qaida and Taliban holed up in the region.

The offensive, which includes about 2,000 Afghans, Americans and special operations forces from six allied nations, is the largest U.S.-led ground operation of the five-month Afghan war.

Wave after wave of B-52s and other aircraft unleashed bombs for a fourth day to try to soften enemy positions in the snow-capped peaks.

"In one minute, I counted 15 bombs," Rehmahe Shah, a security guard at the intelligence unit in the provincial capital Gardez, said Monday.

In the eastern Afghan town of Khost near the border, troops at the American-controlled air base called in air support early Monday after the base came under small arms fire, said Maj. Brad Lowell, another spokesman at the U.S. Central Command.

No one was injured and the firing stopped, he said.

## • Tel Aviv, Israel

## Gunman kills three, wounds 16 during early morning attack

(AP) — A gunman opened fire in a Tel Aviv restaurant early Tuesday, killing three people and wounding 16, police said, before he was shot dead.

"We were dancing and all of a sudden we heard gunshots. We all hid under the tables," an unidentified witness said.

"A man fired with an M-16," Tel Aviv police commander Uri Bar-Lev told Israel Radio.

The gunman tried to throw a grenade but it didn't explode, and a policeman charged the attacker and killed him, police said.

Yosef Cohen, the Tel Aviv area director of the Magen David Adom rescue services, said at least 16 people were wounded.

The attack took place at 2:15 a.m. at an all-night restaurant called Mifgash Hasteek (The Steak Restaurant), on Petah Tikva Road, a main street in Tel Aviv.

It came during an especially violent period in the 17-month conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. In weekend attacks, Palestinians killed 22 Israelis, and in reprisals, Israeli forces killed 16 Palestinians on Monday.

## • Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba

## Officials: Hunger striking prisoners won't be allowed to starve themselves

(AP) — U.S. officials pledged Monday that none of the Afghan war prisoners are "going to starve" in a hunger strike, which has been spurred on by uncertainty hanging over their cases.

With the protest reaching its sixth day, 83 al-Qaida and Taliban detainees were refusing some or all food, down from a high of 194 on Thursday.

Seven have been given an intravenous solution that, while not a meal, has "caloric value," said spokesman Marine Maj. Stephen Cox.

The hunger strike is the first mass protest since the detainees began arriving at Guantanamo naval base from Afghanistan on Jan. 11. The military is holding 300 suspected fighters of the al-Qaida terrorist network and the fallen Afghan Taliban regime here.

Thirteen haven't eaten since the protest began Wednesday, Cox said. Dozens of others have generally stopped eating, he said.

Some who joined the strike told their captors they wanted to eat but felt under pressure from inmates in adjacent cells, so they asked to be moved to other cell blocks, Cox said.

The hunger strike began Wednesday after detainees learned that a guard stripped a fellow detainee of his turban during Tuesday prayers. But military officials say the detainees' underlying concern is uncertainty over their indefinite detention.

"This is simply a protest to draw attention to their cause, and attempting to force a decision on their situation," Cox said.

U.S. officials are determining whether and how to prosecute the men. They say those not tried by a military tribunal could be prosecuted in U.S. courts, returned to their home countries for prosecution, released outright, or held indefinitely.

The human rights group Amnesty International has said the protest "highlights the dangers of the legal limbo into which the prisoners have been thrown."

The prisoners are being interrogated by U.S. civilian and military investigators but are not allowed lawyers.

## Environmentalists accuse Forest Service of wrongdoings

HAMILTON (AP) —

Environmentalists are accusing the Forest Service of closing a portion of the Bitterroot National Forest in an attempt to block their efforts to monitor logging of burned trees.

The agency, however, said Monday it temporarily closed just one area for public safety while helicopters remove harvested trees.

"We are not trying to hide anything from these folks," Leslie "Spike" Thompson, the deputy forest supervisor for the Bitterroot, said Monday. "There are a lot of hazards and we feel a responsibility to protect the public from harm in a situation like this."

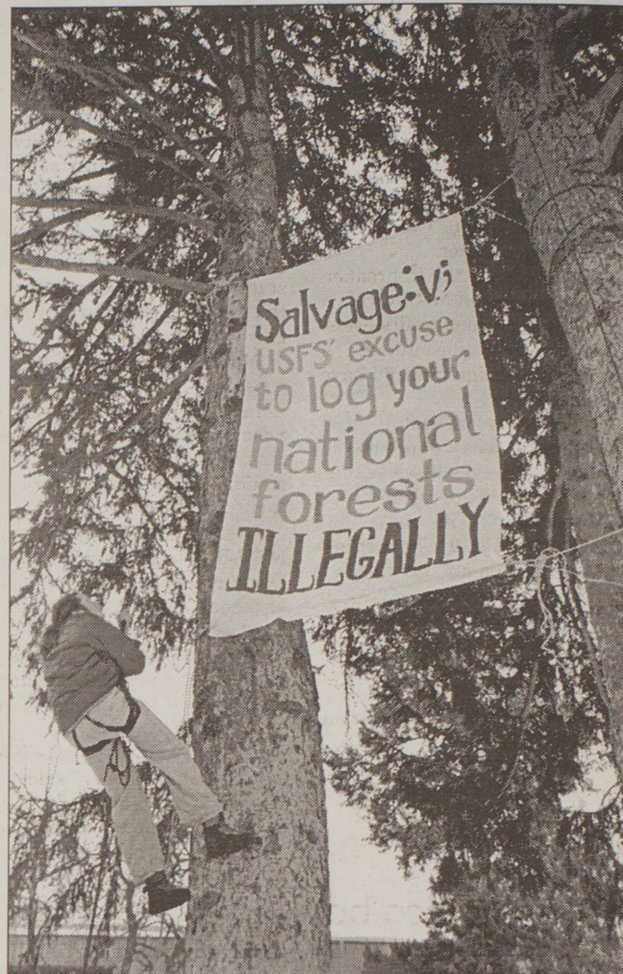
Matthew Koehler, a spokesman for the Native Forest Network, charged that the Forest Service closed the timber harvest to the public to keep his group and others from monitoring salvage logging efforts taking place there.

Thompson, said the area, part of the Bear timber sale southeast of Hamilton, would be reopened once the helicopter operations are complete, probably in a couple of weeks.

"Any suggestion we're doing this to cover something up is just totally untrue," he added.

Native Forest Network was among a coalition of environmental groups that reached a tenuous agreement with the Forest Service last month over the harvest of burned timber in the Bitterroot, 307,000 acres of which burned during the 2000 wildfire season.

The environmental groups had sued earlier to halt the agency's original forest recovery plan for 44,000 acres that burned. That plan called for logging burned timber, closing log-



Colin Blakley/Montana Kaimin

Freshman Amber Roberts hangs in a harness from a tree outside the UC Monday afternoon. Roberts is part of Wild Rockies Earth First, who were protesting the Forest Service salvaging lumber in the Bitterroot National Forest.

ging roads, planting new trees and protecting watersheds.

The agreement reached in February allows logging on 19 projects, totaling about 14,770. In exchange, the Forest Service agreed not to immediately pursue logging of burned trees on 19 other projects totaling about 29,000 acres.

Koehler said environmental groups are suspicious about the timing of the closure of the Bear timber sale. It occurred shortly after the Forest Service announced the logging con-

tractor on the timber sale had wrongly cut down about a half-dozen older ponderosa pines.

"Once that was publicly revealed, they solved the problem by saying no one can go up in these areas anymore to watch for violations. They're completely closed off," Koehler said.

Thompson, however, said it was Forest Service employees who spotted the logging violations and reported them. Those officials will remain at the site to ensure no future violations occur, he said.

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## News

## Event to break the ice, raise money

**Jed Gottlieb**  
for the Kaimin

Now that winter has reappeared, it's the perfect time for a party like the Icebreaker, says Dean McGovern, Montana Campus Compact executive director.

"The idea of the Icebreaker is for real," said McGovern. "It's really a community event for people to come out and meet your neighbors and have some fun."

The second annual Icebreaker party, dance and auction will take place at the Holiday Inn Parkside in Missoula at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 9. The cost is \$5 per person and the public is encouraged to come.

The event is put on by the Montana Campus Compact to raise awareness about and money for social programs supported by the organization.

The compact currently has programs that work to solve problems of poverty, illiteracy, and to improve the lives of minorities, migrant workers

and low-income families. The general goal of the Montana Campus Compact is to instill civic pride and responsibility in students and faculty at the state's colleges and universities, McGovern said.

"We have great programs going on all through out the state," said McGovern. "But the reality is that these programs cost money."

Most of the money raised goes to support Campus Compact Community Service Scholarships, which go to students that have done outstanding social service work in their communities.

Last year, Lisa Hathaway of MSU-Bozeman and Scott David Kinzie of Salish Kootenai College received \$500 scholarships. This year, McGovern hopes the Campus Compact raises enough money for three scholarships between \$500 and \$1,000.

"We just wanted to take it a step further this year," said Jessica McCrossin, who works with the Campus Compact and is one of the event's organiz-

ers. "It'll be a bit bigger, a bit better."

Fund raising activities will include a silent action. Participants can bid on donated items that range from hand-made wine charms to a vasectomy to a new KONA mountain bike.

"I really like what the Campus Compact does," said Alex Gallego, whose Missoula Bicycle Works donated the bike. "They get students involved in civic projects and that's such a valuable thing for young people to be familiar with."

Z100 morning personality Craig Johnson will emcee the event and UM President George Dennison will speak.

Local favorites "Bob Wire and the Fencemenders" and "The Moonlighters" will provide music.

"The idea of Icebreaker is really fun because icebreaker means to ease tension and relieve formality," said McGovern. "And who better to that than Bob Wire and the Fencemenders."

## New Mexico boy shoots neighbor girl with handgun

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A pink stuffed bunny and three candles at the doorstep of an Albuquerque apartment serve as a reminder of what happened inside Sunday afternoon.

Police say a 4-year-old boy fatally shot an 18-month-old girl with her father's handgun as the two were watching a movie.

According to police, the boy got a hold of a handgun that was kept hidden in a bedroom at the Whispering Sands Apartments in southeast Albuquerque while the children were watching "Shrek."

The boy's parents, identified in a search warrant affidavit as Luke and Alice Hults, had been sharing the apartment for about a week with Efen and Chase Gonzales, the girl's parents.

The Gonzales couple and Alice Hults were home when the

shooting occurred.

The children had been watching the video for about an hour when Efen Gonzales heard a "pop" come from his bedroom, according to the affidavit.

Gonzales walked into the room and saw his daughter lying on the bed with blood on her face. He kept his wife from seeing the girl by escorting her out of the apartment, the affidavit said.

Police said the handgun, a Taurus .357 magnum that Gonzales kept for personal protection, was hidden in his bed frame but was loaded.

Hours after the shooting, the boy kept crying and telling his mother that he was sorry and that it was an accident, the affidavit said.

The boy remained with his parents Monday, Flores said.

Police were treating the

shooting as accidental. Flores said Monday if charges were to be filed, they probably would pertain to child neglect relating the children being unsupervised.

The crime scene tape had already been removed by early Monday, but some neighbors were still concerned about the shooting.

"We're new parents and we haven't relaxed yet and then this happens," said Anna Rivera, who shares a wall with the apartment where the girl was shot.

Rivera and her husband were home Sunday afternoon with their 2-month-old daughter but did not hear a gunshot or any screaming.

"We didn't hear anything. Then we saw the police putting up crime scene tape," Rivera said. "It's scary now that we know about it."

## National Briefs

Off the wire



• **Concord, N.H.**

## Arab-American congressman's ethnicity becomes issue in Senate race

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The Arab card has been thrown down on the table in the race for Senate in New Hampshire.

Rep. John E. Sununu has been the subject of accusations — some of them made anonymously, some of them made openly by his GOP rival's campaign — that the Arab-American congressman is anti-Israel and soft on terrorism.

The allegations could be just the start of a dirty, expensive and high-stakes campaign for the historically Republican Senate seat, now held by Bob Smith.

Smith, 62, and Sununu, 37, will face off in the Sept. 10 primary. The winner is expected to battle Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen in an election that could help decide control of the nearly tied Senate.

Smith has never been quoted referring to Sununu's ethnicity, but questions about terrorism and the congressman's Lebanese and Palestinian heritage surfaced last fall in a flurry of news reports.

Among them was a New Republic story that identified Sununu as the only ethnic Palestinian in Congress and quoted an unidentified Smith adviser as saying of Sununu: "People are just beginning to focus on how pro-Arab he is and how naive his positions are on the terrorism issue."

Smith spokeswoman Lisa Harrison said the senator's staff was never contacted about the story and would never make an issue of a candidate's ethnic background.

• **Eden Prairie, Minn.**

## Bush: Deaths of American soldiers only strengthens his resolve

(AP) — President Bush said Monday the deaths of American soldiers in Afghanistan only hardened his resolve to obliterate al-Qaida.

"We sent teams in and there's some serious combat as I speak, and lives are lost, and we send our prayers and tears to those whose families have lost life," Bush said.

He spoke to students and educators at a high school, hours after seven servicemen were killed during heavy fighting in Afghanistan.

"But I want to assure the students who are here and the loved ones of those military (servicemen), defending freedom is a noble cause and it is a just cause and so long as I am the president of the United States, I will pursue those who want to hurt America and who want to take away our freedoms," he said.

Bush routinely weaves in an overview of the war during his speeches on other subjects — it was teacher training on Monday — but his manner seemed particularly impassioned as he defended the goals of the military campaign in Afghanistan.

"It's hard for any American to understand how barbaric this regime was," Bush said. "We didn't go in as conquerors, we went in as liberators, and now women and children are free from the clutches of these barbaric people."

• **Washington, D.C.**

## Government steps up efforts to hire 30,000 federal airport screeners

(AP) — Newly trained federal employees could start checking passengers and luggage this spring, Transportation Department officials said Monday in announcing that they will start hiring more than 30,000 security screeners.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said the first screeners could be at airports in April or May.

"I want to underscore my commitment to hire the best and the brightest," Mineta said Monday.

The 15 airports to get federal security screeners first will be Anchorage, Alaska; Atlanta; Baltimore-Washington; Boston; Charlotte, N.C.; Chicago O'Hare; Dallas-Fort Worth; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Louisville, Ky.; Minneapolis; Mobile, Ala.; New York Kennedy; Orlando, Fla.; San Francisco; and Spokane, Wash.

In addition, John Magaw, undersecretary for transportation security, said some airports now served by Argenbright Security Inc., may also be among the first to get federal screeners. The Transportation Security Administration is ending all of its contracts with the troubled security firm.

The federal screeners will be paid between \$23,600 and \$40,700 and receive 40 hours of classroom training and 60 hours of on-the-job training. Both the salaries and the training requirements are higher than current levels, part of the government's attempt to overhaul the low-paid, high-turnover positions.

A private company that specializes in employee recruitment, NCS Pearson of Eden Prairie, Minn., won a \$103.4 million contract to find, test and hire the new federal workers. The company will set up a Web-based system to recruit prospective employees and handle their job applications.

By Nov. 19, all screeners will be required by law to be federal employees rather than private-sector workers.

Magaw said he has not decided whether the federal screeners will be allowed to unionize. He said they will have limited whistle-blower protection if they come forward with complaints.

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## NEWS

# Girl power, Missoula women's groups combine forces

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For the first time ever, women's groups from the Missoula community and the university have combined to celebrate Women's History Month.

The joint effort merges the planning of various groups and places them all under a central calendar of events. This year promises to be the biggest yet, said Anya Jabour, associate professor of history and UM's specialist in women's history. This is Jabour's seventh year of involvement in planning Women's History Month.

"It's the first time that all of those different members of the larger community have come together to put Women's History Month together, instead of working in isolation from each other," Jabour said.

By coming together, women's groups hope to make a bigger impact and have greater community involvement during the month, offi-

cially adopted by Congress in 1987 to recognize the important contributions of women to U.S. history.

Highlights of the month include a march and rally Friday, March 8 and a lecture by Linda Gordon, a nationally recognized scholar who specializes in women's social subjects like family violence, welfare and poverty.

"She's a very well respected scholar and a big name in the field of U.S. women's history and in the field of U.S. history more generally," Jabour said. "We think that she'll have a really great crossover appeal with both academics and with activists."

The International Women's Day Rally will have many speakers and musicians performing, and will also march from the Higgins Avenue Bridge to Circle Square, Jabour said.

Women's History Month is a unique opportunity for women to reflect on the past and look forward to the struggles

ahead, said Maxine Jacobson, associate professor in social work and a member of the committee that organized the month's events.

"Women's History Month allows us to sit back and celebrate some of the successes we've had as women and has shown us a clear path to other things we need to be focusing on in the future," Jacobson said.

Jabour said although in an ideal world it wouldn't be necessary to have a Women's History Month, "the fact is that the majority of Americans, college educated or not, know very little about the history of women, what this country has done to women, and what women have done for the country."

Jabour feels it is important for all community members to recognize and participate in Women's History Month because of the role of women in racial justice, peace activism, economic equality and environmental concerns. "Women have been at the

forefront of all these struggles to make the world a better place not only for themselves, but for everybody

else," she said.

For more information, contact the women's studies department at 243-2584.

## A short list of Women's History Month Events

\* all events listed are free and open to the public

**Thursday, March 7** — Documentary film: "Girls Around the World" at the UC Theatre at 7 p.m.

**Friday, March 8** — International Women's Day Rally at Circle Square at 5 p.m. beginning at Higgins Avenue Bridge  
Pre-Rally march starting at Higgins Avenue Bridge at 4 p.m.

**Thursday, March 14** — A Conversation about Activism with Holly Near & Cris Williamson at the Union Hall, upstairs at noon

**Monday, March 25** — Performance: "Philosophical Thought on Women Through the Ages," at the UC Theatre at noon

**Tuesday, March 26** — Maxine Van de Wetering Seminar

"Women, Family and the State," at the Gallagher Building in Room 123 by Linda Gordon, Professor of History, NYU at 3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 26** — Maxine Van de Wetering Lecture  
"Poverty, Race and the Politics of Welfare Reform," at the North Urey Lecture Hall by Linda Gordon, Professor of History, NYU at 7 p.m.  
Reception following at the Davidson Honors College

**Friday, March 29** — Performance: "Mother Wove the Morning," at the UC Ballroom at 7 p.m.

For information about these events and many more, contact the women's studies department at 243-2584.

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## NEWS

# UM freshman making strides in cancer research

High school science project may lead to a cure

Timothy San Pedro for the Kaimin

Next time you walk into a gas station, you never know who you'll meet working behind the counter selling you gas, cigarettes or beer.

That person could be the one who finds the cure for cancer.

For UM freshman Adam Nason, working at the Holiday gas station is just a way to pay for his tuition and continue an independent lab study that could prove invaluable to thousands of people around the world who have been diagnosed with the deadly disease.

"I find it frustrating that I work at a gas station because I see the potential that I'm capable of doing," said Nason, who is majoring in pharmacy. "Yet, I'm stuck in a job that's going nowhere. It has no liveliness or challenge."

A real challenge, according to Nason, is attempting to find the cure for cancer. Scientists might not have to look in the Amazon jungle or the depths of the ocean to find a cure. Nason said he has found promising signs of cancer prevention in the same thing that is contained in soda and coffee, caffeine. While working on his project for the Sentinel High School science fair, he discovered that caffeine stops cells from regenerating.

"I wanted to see if I could ruin people's lives by telling them they can't use caffeine anymore," he said. "It backfired though and I failed triumphantly."

Nason successfully discovered, through research in a UM lab last summer, that caffeine, when applied in

potent doses to cells, stopped cells from reproducing.

"If I stopped cell regeneration I could stop out-of-control cells, which is what cancer is," Nason said. "I was shocked that this worked because I thought the caffeine would alter DNA, which would have negative effects, but it didn't."

His science project findings qualified him for the International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, Calif., where he met CEOs of major companies such as INTEL, Nobel Prize winners, and the governor of California.

"I guess it's pretty cool that three Nobel Prize winners talked to me at the same time about my project," Nason said.

Nason's high school science teacher Craig Messerman supervised the science fair trip to San Jose and said that Nason's work inspired him.

"It was extremely rewarding to have attended the fair with him," Messerman said. "If anybody could find a cure, it would be him."

Jonell Prather, another Sentinel science teacher, said that Nason was lazy in class, but had great ambition for independent research.

"As a teacher it makes me happy that he is pursuing this career," Prather said. "His cell research is really quite incredible."

Nason came back to Missoula after the science fair and continued his cancer research in a UM lab that was supervised by Mark Pershouse, an assistant professor in pharmaceutical sciences.

"Adam is as bright a



Freshman Adam Nason works the night shift at the Holiday Station store Monday Night. Nason is a pre-pharmacy major who is studying the effects of caffeine on cancer cells.

young man as I've seen," Pershouse said. "He's very visionary and very stubborn. That's how he gets things done."

Nason's cancer research has qualified him as one of the top 80 medical research students in the nation. It has also given him the opportunity to continue his research this summer in one of three places, South Africa, Australia or China.

The International Mission for Medicine awards the top 80 medical research students with an all expenses paid study program, which includes tuition, room and board and a round trip ticket from Los Angeles.

Nason has asked UM President George Dennison to donate funds for a plane ticket from Missoula to Los

Angeles where he will continue his journey overseas.

"He gave me the thumbs up," Nason said, "but the paperwork has to get ironed out."

Dennison wasn't available for comment, but Patricia Metz, the assistant to the president, said that they still had to figure out how much is needed to help Nason.

Nason said he might slow down his cancer research in order to look into and maybe even find a cure for a disease called sarcoidosis — a rare disease that his father acquired. It falsely identifies healthy organs as diseased, and attacks them, Nason's father Richard said.

"That's pretty awesome that he would do that," Richard Nason said. "He's very ambitious, he has a lot

of drive, and is setting great goals for himself."

"The fact that he's trying to help his father says even more about his character," said Nason's mom Debi, who sometimes thinks that he takes on too much responsibility.

Adam Nason is currently trying to figure out the next step in his research and said that he is trying to concentrate more on his school work.

"I didn't set out to find the cure for cancer. It was just pure luck, that's what science is, pure luck," said Nason, whose I.Q. test scored in the top two percent in the nation. "I'm just an everyday person with a gift just like everyone else."

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## NEWS

## Forensics team's resurrection is a success despite financial demands

Kellyn Brown  
For the Kaimin

Jessica Grennan was in speech therapy when she was two years old, but these days her faint lisp is hardly noticeable. As a freshman in high school Grennan joined the debate team and now competes for The University of Montana Forensics Team.

"I figured if I could get over the fear of public speaking I could do anything," Grennan said.

The resurrected UM forensics team earned a fourth-place finish in the region for the season after placing ninth out of 32 schools at the Great Salt Lake Tournament in Utah in January and a fifth place finish in the Tournament Sweepstakes.

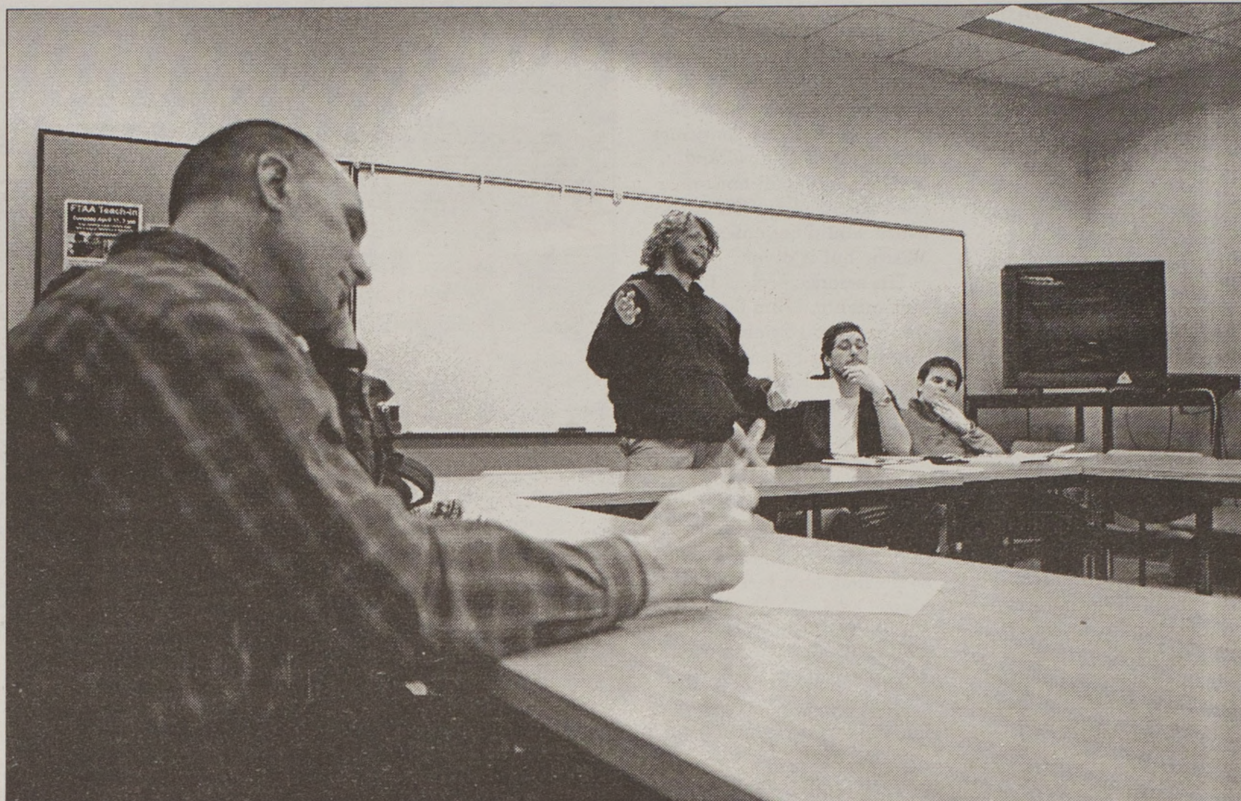
The team is two years old, has limited funding and no permanent coach.

"We all did really well this year," said Jen Kirby, public relations officer for the forensics team. "Considering a lot of teams debate once or twice a month and the UM team debates two to three times a semester."

In 1895, two years after UM was chartered, a forensics team was established. The team was a powerhouse, winning several state and regional championships. Exhibitions were sponsored by elite schools such as Oxford. But in the '70s funding was reduced, and costs increased, leading to the demise of the program in 1981. It was forgotten for 20 years.

"I think a new tradition is definitely being built," Kirby said.

Kirby, who said she was shy growing up, began debating as a sophomore. She is



Al Sillars (left), Chairman of the Communications department, jots down notes while David Brenofsky debates in the Davidson Honors College Monday evening.

now a disc jockey at a radio station.

Nearly 30 students are on the forensics team, which was reborn with a joint effort from the Department of Communications and the Davidson Honors College. Half of those students travel to tournaments that cost around \$3,000. ASUM, fundraising and alumni can't cover all the expenses.

"Some of us have to give plasma to go to the tournaments," Grennan said.

The UM team doesn't beat the big name schools all the time, but it is making a name

for itself quickly, Grennan said.

"It's amazing to me how many talented people we have on this team," Kirby said.

Kirby almost didn't come to UM because it didn't have a forensics team and she was one of the original members of the team that started in 2000. But some students may shy away from UM because it doesn't offer them incentives that other schools do.

"We can't give scholarships to people," Grennan said. "So high school students who place nationally go where

they can get a full ride."

Alan Sillars, chair of the communications department, asked new student services three years ago how many applying students inquired about forensics. Four hundred potential students asked if UM had a program, Sillars said, so a team was formed from a group of inexperienced debaters.

"If you want to compete or just practice you can be involved in any extent you want," Sillars said.

Dan Lair was the debate assistant at Whitman College. Now a grad student

at UM he coaches the forensics team. He said the trend that once cut many forensic programs from state schools has reversed and new programs are beginning to surface across the country.

"I think the most important thing (forensics) teaches you is to look at the world in new ways all the time," Lair said.

Kirby, Matt Schneider, Kelly Kirwan and Sam Trammell are debating in the National Parliamentary Debate in Denver this month, but most of the team's time is being devoted to preparation for the second annual UM Intramural Debate Tournament on Aber Day.

"The old tradition of Aber Day was to celebrate campus togetherness," Sillars said. "There was cleanup and then a speech debate in the evening."

Lair said that the size of the team is a testament to the interest that debate draws on campus. And he said the team continues to improve.

"With the continued success we will eventually be able to stand on our own feet," Sillars said.

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## NEWS

# Symposium to offer methods of teaching music

*Movement, flags and pantomime help hearing impaired students study music*

Jason Begay  
Montana Kaimin

Rhythm, note changes and lyrical context can be difficult for any student to understand, but for hearing impaired students, the challenges of musical education may seem arduous.

That doesn't mean a disabled student's music education should be ignored, said Mary Jane Belz, a UM assistant music professor.

"We respond to music with our hearts, our minds and our bodies," Belz said. "It's an art — it's different than math or science."

Belz is the creator and

organizer of the Accessible Music Symposium, which is designed to address the difficulties in teaching music to disabled students.

The symposium continues through Friday at UM, and features Hilree Hamilton, assistant professor of music at the University of Wisconsin — River Falls.

"In a classroom of 30 children, five might have special needs," Hamilton said. "The instructor has to, kind of, adapt to these students and still make work for the class."

Hamilton has also served as a music therapist. Music therapy can be used for pain management and slight ailments. It can also be used to help enhance learning.

"We can teach anything through music," Belz said. "We can illuminate any of the subjects in school."



Eighth grader Amanda Combs concentrates on her timing during a choreographed music piece using fabric to show movement Monday morning in the music building.

Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

This is the third year Belz has arranged for the symposium, a series of daily presentations designed to enlighten students in music education on how to include disabled students in daily music lessons.

The Freeway Performing Arts Troupe presented a series of exercises in Belz' "Music Education for Elementary Majors" class Monday.

Freeway is a Missoula-based troupe that consists of 17 members ranging from 10 to 21 years old. Four Freeway students presented a set of visual performances for the class.

"Anytime you include body movements when you're teaching children, it provides a valuable tool," said Carrie Jones, Freeway director.

Demonstrating her point, 12-year-old Guy Goodman

reenacted the narration of a song and walked across the room silently searching for a character.

Behind him another student, Deborah Natelson, 13, stood translating the song in sign language.

"Children are very quick learners when it comes to sign language," Jones said.

Pantomime is another choreographed performance that includes students who suffer from some disabilities. Freeway also used flags,

sticks and puppets, visual aids that help students learn about music as well as adding visual flair.

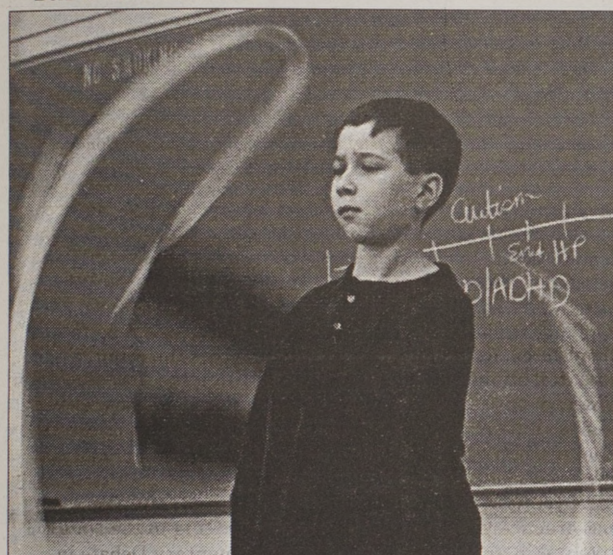
Jones also discussed how a teacher might handle students with an array of disabilities, including stuttering, visual impairment and autism.

Music, while at times difficult for some students to learn, has its virtues and is well worth any effort, Belz said.

"Every historical period has its music era," Belz said. "Every people has their music."

“We respond to music with our hearts, our minds and our bodies. It's an art — it's different than math or science.”

Mary Jane Belz,  
UM assistant music professor



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Seventh grader Guy Goodman, demonstrates the use of visual aids in music to stimulate children's minds Monday morning in Mary Jane Belz's Education for Elementary Majors class.

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## KAIMIN SPORTS

## Grizzlies smacked by Montana State in final home game

## Loss regulates Montana to fifth seed in Big Sky Tournament

Brittany Hagemann  
Montana Kaimin

The Montana State fans got nervous when the game got close Saturday night, but gloated when they ended up winning by 20. The Griz fans cheered in the first half when Sam Riddle tossed a no-look to Ryan Slider for a dunk, changing the momentum of the game, but grimaced in the second half when the Griz couldn't create any offense.

UM coach Don Holst and MSU coach Mick Durham both stomped and tapped their wingtips along the sidelines bellowing commands to their players.

But after all the hype, when it was all over, MSU had won 75-55 in a game that remarkably resembled the first 'Cat/Griz game, earlier this year.

Holst said last week that the Griz would have to play their best basketball Saturday night to beat the Bobcats, who came into the game ranked first in the conference at 12-2.

Montana just couldn't seem to catch a break offensively.

Shooting guard David Bell, who has been the leading scorer for the Griz went 1-10 the entire game and was 0-5 from behind the three-point line—normally his specialty.

"We know he's got a quick release," said MSU's Jason Erickson, "and because I'm taller with longer arms, I wanted to make it harder for him to get good looks."

Underneath, post players Dan Trammel and Travis Greenwalt had a similar kind

of night, scoring only six points combined.

The only Griz player to score in double figures was Slider who finished with 11.

"It was frustrating for us because we got some good looks and took good shots that kept rimming out," said Holst. "You have nights like that, when you can hit baskets, but when that happens you have to pick up the slack

defensively," said Holst, "and we really didn't do that either."

The 'Cats, on the other hand, seemed to have offense coming out of their ears. Five MSU players scored in double figures.

MSU guards Erickson and Pete

Conway, who came off the bench, both led the 'Cats with 14 points apiece.

"I'd like to say it was the coaching that won," said Durham jokingly, "but really it was our guys playing with composure and confidence that did it."

The 'Cats sprung out early on a 10-0 run led by MSU bigman Damir Latovic, who currently leads the league in double-doubles.

Latovic got in foul trouble late in the game, but proved to be a force while he was in.

"He scored the first six points of the game, and came at us with some sort of European/NBA-style dribbling that we couldn't defend," said Montana's Brent Cummings.

The Griz took their cue from a burst of momentum on the Riddle-to-Slider dunk in the middle of the first half to step it up. Griz point guard Shane Christensen tied the game at 18 with a freethrow, but what began as a Griz run then ended as a five-minute scoring slump.

The Griz watched as the 'Cats rang up the score, first a five-point lead, then 10. Then with 37 seconds left in the half, MSU had a commanding 15-point lead.

Christensen nailed a three just seconds before the half,

“It was frustrating for us because we got some good looks and took good shots that kept rimming out.”

Don Holst,  
UM head coach

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Sam Riddle takes a seat on the bench during the fourth quarter of 'Cat/Griz game Saturday night. In 14 minutes, Riddle went 0 for 2 from the field and had one rebound.



Josh Parker/Montana Kaimin

Senior guard Shane Christensen receives a hug from his mother, Flossie Christensen, before Saturday night's game against Montana State. It was the last regular season game for five seniors, and they were all honored during a pregame ceremony.

narrowing the gap to 22-34.

In the second half, the Griz battled back with two quick layups from Trammel and Slider. After a jumper by Bell, just shy of the three-point line, and a three by Brent Cummings, the Griz were back in it, down by only four.

The Griz cut the lead to three on a free throw but that would be as close as they would get the rest of the game.

Giving up too many quick fouls early in the second half proved costly for Montana, as they put the 'Cats in bonus with 12 minutes left.

UM fans in the student section tried their darndest to distract MSU free-throw

shooters by holding up posters of half-naked girls and flailing their arms in the air. But their antics had little effect on the 'Cats, as they hit 65 percent from the line.

Montana State preserved their win by consistent shooting from the perimeter in the second half including made three-pointers by Erickson, James Clark and Conway.

The win allowed the 'Cats to host the post-season tournament that tips off next weekend in Bozeman. The Griz are seeded fifth in the tournament at 7-7, tied with Northern Arizona University, who they will play Thursday night at 7:30 in Bozeman.

## UM tennis wins one against MSU-Billings, looks to seniors to lead the way to victory

Marina Mackrow  
Montana Kaimin

Despite losses last weekend, the University of Montana tennis fans had one win to celebrate.

The women's tennis team swept Montana State-Billings 7-0 last Friday in Bozeman. The team considers MSU-Billings some of their weaker competition, but assistant coach Brian Hanford said, it was good to get a win and build the team's confidence. Each woman contributed straight set victories in their singles matches to bring home the win.

"It was a quick match," Hanford said. "Everyone played well."

The Griz were defeated Saturday by the University of Wyoming 5-2. UM's only two wins came from singles players

No. 5 Ashild Fjeldheim, who won her match 6-1, 6-4 and No. 6 Michaela Zima, who dominated with a 6-0, 6-0 win. The Grizzlies had a chance to win in a doubles match, but were defeated in a tie breaker.

Hanford is looking to seniors Sarah Blain and Molly Sanders to lead the way. "We just need to get them on a winning track," he said.

Hanford also said freshmen Annabelle Janairo and Lindsey Torgerson are players to watch this season.

"Both are doing great and are going to be good players," he said.

Due to the weather, the team is practicing indoors, but Hanford says with two weeks outdoors, the team will be fine. All they need is some warm weather.

## Seeds, locations set for BSC Championships

Ian Costello  
Montana Kaimin

The first weekend of March marked the fate of the Big Sky Conference basketball tournaments with a blowout and overtime.

By storming past Montana on state-wide television Saturday night the Montana State Bobcats earned the right to host the men's tournament in Bozeman this weekend, clinching their first regular-season conference championship since 1996.

While the men's 'Cat/Griz game was over five minutes into the second half, the television broadcast of the game became more interesting as reports of a situation in Pocatello began to unfold.

Should Idaho State hold on to upset Weber State in women's basketball, Montana State would

become host to both the men's and women's tournaments for the first time in school history.

Ten seconds after the final buzzer in Missoula, the Idaho State women pushed Weber State into overtime, only to lose 80-75. The men's tournament is headed to Bozeman while the women will play it out in Ogden, Utah.

On the women's side, pre-season favorite Montana enters the tournament as the third seed and will play the opening game of the weekend against Portland State. Should Montana win, they would go on to play a rematch with Montana State in Friday's first semi-final. If Portland State wins they would advance to play host Weber State in the second round.

On the other half of the bracket, Northern Arizona enters as the fourth seed and will play Eastern Washington with the

winner advancing to play either second seeded Montana State or Weber State in the semi-finals.

On the men's side, Montana enters as the fifth seed and will play No. 4 Northern Arizona in the second game Friday. The tournament starts with third seeded Weber State playing Portland State Thursday at 5 p.m.

Top seed Montana State and second seed Eastern Washington wait in the semi-finals for the winners of Thursday night's games.

The winners of the two semi-finals advance to play in the championship game, Saturday at noon. The game will be televised nationally on ESPN 2.

Both the men's and women's winners of the conference tournament receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, the seed and region to be announced Sunday.



## KAIMIN SPORTS

# Lady Griz fail to clinch top seed

Montana enters as third seed, plays Portland State Thursday

Bryan Haines  
Montana Kaimin

Everything that the Lady Griz wanted to accomplish heading into the Big Sky Conference basketball season, winning the conference championship and the right to host the tournament in Missoula, was within their grasp Friday night in Bozeman.

After fighting back from a 15 point deficit, the Lady Griz were down by two, 39-37, and appeared poised to take the lead for the first time in the game.

But as gallantly as Montana had fought back, Montana State was just a flailing arm's length out of reach.

The Bobcats reeled off the next seven points, and with the backing of an announced crowd of over 5,200 in Brick Breiden Fieldhouse, MSU won 64-55, claiming their first regular season Big Sky Championship since 1993.

"The crowd was awesome," MSU's Jessica Blake said. "They helped us get back in it."

UM carried the momentum it had from the close of the first half, when they trimmed what was once a 15-point deficit to six, into the opening minutes of the second half. Offensively, centers Hollie Tyler and Crystal Baird started to have some success. Baird scored on two straight positions to start an 11-6 run that Tyler ended with a basket of her own. Cutting the lead to two, 39-37, with 11:47 left in the game.

What was once a game Montana State had firmly in its grasp was now slipping away. But Montana couldn't capitalize on the opportunity given to it.

In their next four positions, the Lady Griz turned the ball over four straight times, the last one coming on an offensive foul by Tyler. During Montana's offensive futility, Montana State took the game back into their hands.

Sandwiched between four Blake free throws, 'Cat point guard Rebecca Alvidrez hit a three that brought the MSU faithful to their feet.

"We couldn't take advantage," UM's Cheryl Keller said. "It was a stalemate and then they took it."

A lay-in by Brooklynn Lorenzen broke the drought, but it was too late. Montana State

was up 46-39 and on its way to a Big Sky crown that was not expected when the season started.

Montana State finished the season 11-3 in the Big Sky, tied with Weber State for the conference championship, and 17-10 overall. The Lady Griz finished third in the Big Sky with a 10-4 league record, 18-9 overall.

Being picked fourth by the media and fifth by the coaches in the pre-season poll was something that irked MSU head coach Robin Potera, who said her team wasn't getting any respect to start the season.

When she was hired during the spring of last year, Potera instantly began talking about bringing championships back to Bozeman.

Friday she had a chance to deliver on that statement, and during the game it was clear she was going to do everything she could to make sure it happened.

Potera was a energizer to her team and the crowd. After every Bobcat basket or defensive stop, Potera was high-fiving someone or walking up and down the sidelines clapping. During the pivotal stretch in the second half when MSU put the game away after nearly giving it up, Potera was constantly raising her arms to get the crowd into it.

"She's a great coach and does a fantastic job," Alvidrez said. "She had us prepared to play 40 minutes."

At the start of the game the Bobcats were on the brink of blowing the game wide-open, reminiscent of last year's game in Bozeman between the two teams when the Lady Griz shot just 12 percent in the first half. The 'Cats scored on their first five positions and led 11-2 before UM's Julie Deming hit the first Lady Griz field goal, a three-pointer, four minutes into the first half. Deming led Montana with 13 points, but shot just 5-13 from the field.

The Bobcat lead grew to 23-8

after Blake scored down low. Blake and Isabel Stubbs took it to the Lady Griz frontline early. The two scored 18 of the 'Cats first 23 points off a variety of hook-shots and turnarounds. Blake finished the night with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Stubbs was just behind getting a double-double of her own, scoring nine points and grabbing nine rebounds as the two outplayed Montana's Tyler and Baird. Tyler and Baird finished with just 12 points and six rebounds between them after combining for 27 points and 12 rebounds in the teams first meeting this season in Missoula.

After the Bobcats quick start, UM settled down and started chipping away at the lead. The

Lady Griz finished the half with an 8-1 run, down only six at halftime.

"I was amazed actually we had it down to six at half, because it was brutal at the start. They (MSU) played really well offensively and hit good shots, and we looked like we were too keyed up."

Robin Selvig,

Lady Griz head coach

game that was placed in its hands by Montana State in the second half, and now must regroup heading into the Big Sky Tournament this week at Weber State, who held the tie-breaker over MSU.

A conference title that the Lady Griz seemingly had a stranglehold on when they were now 7-0 is now on the verge of falling through their fingers. UM is 3-4 since then, and instead of hosting the tournament with a first round bye, now must win three games, starting Thursday with Northern Arizona.

No team has won the Big Sky Tournament by winning three games. But it is something that Selvig says he believes can happen.

"I told the ladies right after the game, it's tournament time," Selvig said. "You don't make it to the NCAA's without winning the tournament."

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## UM Intramural tournaments ready to begin this week

Marina Mackrow  
Montana Kaimin

March Madness may have struck the nation and Grizzly basketball fans, but other University of Montana athletes are gearing up for their own of style March mayhem.

The UM Intramural tournaments begin this week. All A leagues and women's leagues participate. The top 12 teams will be chosen based on their win-loss percentage.

Tournament action begins with the men's 6-foot-and-under league and CoRec A volleyball. Right now, in the men's 6-foot-and-under league, Bulls on Parade stand at number one with a record of 4-0. Right behind them is Da Bears, who lost their first game of the season to Bulls on Parade Tuesday night. They sit tied with Van Dalay Industries, both with records of 3-1. The Mullets and the Large Girths stand at 1-3, while the No Names remain winless.

In the CoRec A volleyball leagues, Da Beers sit at an undefeated 3-0. The Big Slammers are right behind with a record of 2-1. MT Gold and the Dinks both have a record of 1-1 and Please Print Clearly brings up the rear with a 1-2 record.

In other men's basketball action, Sigma Chi, Dirty Sanchez, Sig Ep B and the Shockers all won their games in the Wednesday wild league. In the Wednesday Crazy League, X Knights, Sigma Nu Knights, Bunxers and the Athletics brought home the wins. The Thursday night men's A basketball left-over league brought wins by the undefeated Otter Squad and the Old Men.

On the women's side of the action, the Flamingo Flamingos and Omega won their games Wednesday night. In an outstanding 54-0 shut-out, the Amigos beat the Physical Terrorists. In CoRec basketball No Names and Floorplay were the nights winners.

In CoRec A volleyball, the Big Slammers, Da Beers, the Dinks, the Hood Rats, Access Killers and Blue Blockers all won their games. In CoRec B action the Ball Hounds, the Griz and Team Boo Yah were victorious.

In Sunday afternoon's CoRec indoor soccer action Over the Hill beat Guinness Stout 7-3. Paris Saint Germaine also won their game. For the men's side of the afternoon, Inazuma beat Sigma Chi with an 11-1 victory. Safety First and Blazing Saddles were also winners.

The standings for men's A league basketball, starting with the Monday's early league, shows Team X and Money Shot tied for the lead with records of 4-0. Honor

Society follows with just one loss and a record of 3-1. Next Yukon Cornelei and Put Them Away both sit with records of 2-2.

Moving into the Monday late league standings, Imiitazz and L-Town sit at the top of the league with winning records of 4-0. Can't Get Right and Midget Attack both ride right behind with 3-1 records. ROTC and Small Town Boys have records of 2-2.

Leading the men's A Thursday league is Otter Squad with an undefeated record of 3-0. The Bombers are at 1-2; the Old Men sit with a 2-1 record; and Flying Eagles have a winless record of 0-3. Their tournament starts on March 7.

In the women's basketball standings, the Strawberry Alarmclocks ride solo at the top of the Monday Early league with a successful record of 4-0. The Budas sit with a 3-1 record, while Hoopdies have a 2-2 record. In the Monday late league, Bombdignty rides the top solo with a 4-0 record. The Chicks are right behind with a 3-1 record. White Trash and the Pistols both sit with records of 2-2.

Leading the Wednesday women's basketball league is the Amigos with a record of 4-0. Omega moved up in the standings with their Wednesday night win into a record of 3-1. The Physical Terrorists and the Flamingo Flamingos both sit with records of 2-2.

Last but not least, the CoRec basketball early league is led by Big Dog Spandex and Floor Play, each with records of 3-0. The Studs have a 2-1 record, while the No Names have a 1-2 record.

"Teams will be notified this week if they made it to tournament play and when they play," said Lezni Garza, the Intramural coordinator. Tournament schedules and standings will be posted on the door of the West Auxiliary Gym and on the Intramural bulletin board in the Fitness and Recreation Center.

Besides Intramural action, Campus Rec held singles racquetball tournaments. Out of seven men, the ownership of the coveted Intramural champ T-shirt was between Chris Riley and Eric Aschim. Riley beat Aschim 15-8, 15-4. The next racquetball tournament is a men's and women's doubles with double elimination. Action begins on March 26. Sign-up at the Fitness and Recreation Center by March 26.

Spring Intramurals are just around the corner. All rosters for soccer, softball and ultimate frisbee are due Wednesday March 6 by 5 p.m.

## No UM qualifiers at Intermountain meet

Despite two indoor track records falling at last weekend's NCAA indoor track championships at the Intermountain Championships in Pocatello, Idaho, no one else from the University of Montana track squad qualified for nationals.

On Friday, junior Renee Dunn became the first UM woman to long jump 19 feet indoors, with a best of 19 feet 1/2 inch, breaking her own

school record by an inch.

Senior Adam Bork of Bigfork cleared 17 feet even, in men's pole vault Saturday, breaking his own school record. Bork had a near-miss at 17-6, which would have been enough to advance to the NCAA championships.

Dunn tripled jumped 38-1 on Saturday. Two other UM pole vaulters competed in the women's meet. Nicole Zeller topped 12 feet and Suzanne

Krings, an NCAA qualifier last year, failed to clear her opening height.

That leaves Montana with just one NCAA qualifier. Scott McGowan of Poplar is ranked fourth in the nation in men's 1,500. He'll leave for the championships in Fayetteville, Ark., this week and compete in the preliminaries on Friday. The finals are Saturday.

—Kaimin Sports Staff



## NEWS

## Queer Action takes direct action

Group uses civil disobedience to get its voice heard

Paul Queneau  
Montana Kaimin

Two weeks ago, Missoula had never heard of Queer Action.

Now the group has propelled itself into the spotlight.

Through non-violent protest and civil-disobedience, the group hopes it will get people's attention.

"We really want to make our voices heard," said QA member Spider McKnight. "Sometimes that means doing stuff that doesn't make people very happy."

The first action for the 20-or-so member group was to tuck flyers in Missoulian newspaper stands on Sunday, Feb. 24, threatening a picket of the paper if certain demands weren't met.

"We needed to respond while that article was still in people's heads," said QA member Gailyn Taylor.

Queer Action wanted a front page apology from the Missoulian, a change in the arson coverage and sensitivity training regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. Missoulian editor Mike McNally declined to bow to the demands, but agreed to be part of a community dialogue on the issue.

Queer Action had taken issue with what it saw as an unfair article by the Missoulian about the ongoing arson investigation of a lesbian couple's

home, saying it unjustly focused suspicion on the two women who lived there.

"The article was incredibly damaging for many reasons," said QA member Sarah Howell. "It wasn't libelous, so to speak, but the choices they made, the length, the arrangement of facts, I feel were very conscious."

The picket was postponed after the Missoulian agreed to meet in a public forum to discuss how the arson should be covered, said members.

QA said it used the term postpone because real changes in the Missoulian's coverage would have to take place before it would consider the issue resolved.

These actions are part of a plan by QA to use a method called direct action, which is a direct response to an issue, rather than lobbying, educating or conducting workshops, McKnight said.

Using a series of escalating responses, direct action targets policies, laws, actions and statements, but not people. Although actions are non-violent, they include the possibility of civil disobedience, where there is risk of arrest if a law is broken.

"We didn't form to do actions

against the Missoulian," McKnight said. "It just happened that way."

After the Missoulian issues are sufficiently dealt with, QA's next foe is the Montana Board of Regents, who QA said held some responsibility for creating a situation that spawned the arson by not giving equal benefits to same sex partners.

"When you publicly sanction homophobia," McKnight said, "you sanction violence against lesbian and gay people."

By not putting this topic on its agenda in the Regent's upcoming meeting, QA said it felt that the Board of Regents met criteria for an action to be imposed. The action has not been decided yet.

QA had only existed for three days before it put the flyers in Missoulian boxes.

At \$1.75 to open each box, plus money to print out hundreds of flyers, each member tossed in about \$10.

Howell said that she hopes the group's effort to influence the Missoulian will lead to more caring decisions in its reporting about the GLBT community.

"We're giving them an opportunity to know better," Howell said.

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## Security

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The main problem with the vague nature of the state's proposal, Ford said, was that an employee or student could potentially use a university computer to do something illegal, like operate a porn Web site, but not be able to be prosecuted for it.

"The university could not fire them legally," Ford said. "This is a hell of a mess."

To solve this problem, Ford is rewriting the policy and then the regents have to approve it. When it is approved and put in place by the regents, there is no longer a legal question of who the policy applies to, Ford said.

Ford also said the state wrote the policy with state agencies, that only have employees in mind. He said the university has three types of users employees, students and public access "patrons." He said the revamped policy he wrote addresses those different types of users.

One example is the use of university computers for personal e-mail, Ford said.

Students using their Selway accounts at home or in their dorm rooms should be able to send personal e-mails. But, employees of the university system should not be using campus computers to send excessive personal e-mails, Ford said.

"If you really want to be squeaky clean about this," Ford said, "if you're an employee and a student then you should have two separate accounts for each."

There are another set of pending local information technology policies written specifically for UM that Ford also helped draft. Some faculty members have expressed concern over the privacy issues involved with storing e-mail messages, which Ford defended.

"If you have 40 e-mail messages and the system crashes," Ford said, "and I bring it back up — how many messages do you want — zero or 40?"

Ford said the university does not look at stored information, nor does it look at what Web pages people browse. He said the only way officials would look at stored e-mail messages is if they were subpoenaed as part of a criminal investigation.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

The PTSA is hosting another massage clinic! Sign up in UC from 12-4pm, March 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14. \$8/20 min or \$14/40 min. Massages are March 25-28 and April 1-4.

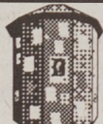
## ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

The desert sun may shine on you this spring break. Spaces still available to go to Santa Fe, New Mexico and build a house for Habitat for Humanity! Program fee is \$300 and covers food, lodging, transportation and insurance. Come to Social Sciences 126 or call 243-4442 for more info or application

## BOOKS\*BOOKS\*BOOKS

**QUARTER MOON BOOKS** sells, trades & buys great used books. 1 block from campus @ 1221 Helen Ave. 728-3016

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## PERSONALS

**FOXGLOVE COTTAGE** B&B Griz Card Discounts for your guests. 543-2927

**FREE CONDOMS! FREE LUBE!** Free, anonymous HIV Counseling/Testing...Call 243-2122

**Sick?** Curry Health Center has real live doctors, nurse practitioners and nurses 24/7. Call ahead for an appointment. 243-2122

Did you grow up with alcoholism? Still struggling with low self-esteem, guilt, and relationship problems? Call Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) in the Curry Health Center at 243-4711 for information about ACAO Group.

Party safe! ONE DRINK = 12 oz beer, 4 oz wine, or 1 oz shot.

Got condoms? Condom Access for Responsible Encounters. Locate your CARE rep in your dorm or Greek house. UM CARES!

**Beginners table tennis tournament.** Thursday, March 7th. Sign up at 6pm in the UC Game Room. \$5 entry fee. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes. \$40 paddle for first place! 243-2733 for more information.

**FOOD FRIEND OR FOE:** This group is designed for women who struggle with their relationship with food and body image. Emotional vs. Physical hunger, food triggers, bingeing and/or purging will be explored. Call the Counseling and Psychological Service in the Curry Health Center 243-4711

**GAY/LESBIAN/BISexualSUPPORT GROUP** This support group will explore the issues of sexuality, homophobia, relationships, family dynamics and the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. Call the Counseling and Psychological Service at Curry Health Center. 243-4711

**CAN YOU CARRY A TUNE?** The Missoula Gay Men's Chorus is looking for new members. Men of any sexual orientation are invited to join. Please call 327-7439 for details or to leave a message.

**Physical Therapy Student Association Monthly Meeting** Wed. March 6th at 7:00pm in Skaggs 113. The speaker will be J. W. Matheson, PT, MS, speaking on physical therapy at the 2002 Winter Olympics and clinical residencies in physical therapy. Undergraduate and graduate students welcome.

**STUCK HERE SPRING BREAK?** We're sorry, but you can shop the world at the Peace Center store, 519 S. Higgins

## HELP WANTED

**BE A BARTENDER.** Must be 18 yrs+. Earn \$15-\$30/hr. 1-2 week program. Job placement. Flexible hours, get certified. 1-406-728-TIPS (728-8477)

**Wanted:** Two dependable people to work with the Montana Football team. Duties include filming of practice. Roughly 6-10 hours per week. Money available to help pay for tuition. Contact Lance Robinson @ 243-2629 or go to the Adams Center Room 212

**Looking to get involved?** Try L.E.A.P.I! Educating elementary school students on personal strengths, goal setting, and higher education! To find out more or for an application, call Shannon at 243-4442

**ONE WORKSTUDY POSITION AVAILABLE FOR FACILITIES SERVICES MAIL ROOM.** \$6.00/hr, AT LEAST AN AVERAGE OF 19 HRS PER WEEK. CONTACT DAN CLARK AT 243-2272, WEEKDAYS 8AM-5PM

\$250 a day potential bartending. Training provided. 1-800-293-3985 ext. 417

**EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR OUTDOOR PROFESSIONALS** Wilderness First Responder, WFR Recert. May 20-28, recertification May 18-19. \$475 full course, \$175 recertification. Parks and Recreation, 523-2767, [www.ci.missoula.mt.us/parksrec](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/parksrec)

**BECOME A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT** Classes March 23 - May 4. Thursday eves & Saturdays + clinicals. \$549, incl. exam and course workbook. Call UM at 243-2094

**Missoula Parks and Recreation** is hiring a Sports Program Manager for the Spring/Summer to design, develop, and promote specific sports programs. Manager will coordinate logistics for various sports leagues. Recreation experience required. Applications available at 100 Hickory or <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/ParksRec> Deadline March 15. EEO/AA, M/F, V/H Employer.

**Missoula Parks and Recreation** is accepting applications for summer positions as park maintenance, urban forestry, tennis staff, sport coaches and officials, playground leaders, aquatic staff, cashiers, ropes/teams course facilitators and outdoor program staff. Deadline April 5 or until positions are filled. Postings and applications available at Parks and Recreation, 100 Hickory or <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/ParksRec>. No phone calls, please. EEO/AA, M/F, V/H Employer

**Wildland Fire Training** 543-0013

**Summer Jobs - Yellowstone KOA Campground** West Yellowstone, MT, Guest Service, housekeeping, food service & maintenance. Great place for the summer. Affordable housing available. Call 406-656-7703 Or online [www.coolworks.com/yellowstone-koa](http://www.coolworks.com/yellowstone-koa)